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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, lines 17-26, amend the paragraph beginning "As shown in **Fig. 1**, an embodiment of the route switch ..." as follows: